

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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DISPOSAL OF HOSPITAL WASTE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to dispose of the hospital waste;
- (b) if so, whether there is any mechanism to dispose of the waste of private sector hospitals in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in view of the spread of diseases due to the hospital waste?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified Bio-medical (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and amendments thereof under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. These rules specify about collection, segregation, labeling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of Bio-medical Wastes (BMW) and are mandatory for every occupier of an institution generating bio-medical wastes to take steps to ensure that such wastes are handled without any adverse effect to human and environment. There are "Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facilities (CBWTF)", which provide facility to treat bio-medical wastes of Government Hospitals as well as private sector health care units.